Deterioration of Security in Tripura

2803. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that security has considerably deteriorated in Tripura as hundreds of innocent people have been killed and abduction of rich persons have become profession rather than a crime in that State;

(b) if so, the details of such incidents that took place in Tripura during the last few years;

(c) whether Government have chalked out any policy to restore the law and order in that State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI : (a) and (b) Militant activities in Tripura have shown an increase in recent past. Kidnapping of civilians has become a cottage industry in Tripura.

Details of violence perpetrated by militants in Tripura during the last few years are as follows :

	1998	1999	2000 (upto 31/3)
No. of incidents	568	614	195
Persons killed	251	281	65
Security forces killed	25	42	9
Kidnappings	442	455	184

(c) and (d) Meeting have been held in Delhi and Agartala between representatives of Ministry of Home Affairs and State Government to review the security situation and take adequate steps necessary to tackle the security situation. These include :

(1) Strengthening of intelligence machinery in the State.

(2) Raising of 3rd I.R. Battalion.

(3) More effective deployment of State Police and Para Military Forces.

(4) State Government to take the initiative to bring the Militant Groups to the negotiating table.

(5) A more proactive role for the State Police and Central Para Military Forces.

(6) Creation of Security Zones.

(7) BSF to conduct counter insurgency operations in the border belt between the border roads and the international boundary.

(8) Operationalisation of Special Operations Groups CRPF as well as Tripura State Rifles.

Implementation of these has already commenced in the State.

Activities of Christian Missionaries in Western U.P.

†2804. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a steep rise in the activities of Christian Missionaries in Western Uttar Pradesh and its nearby hilly areas;

(b) the number of Christian Missionaries in Uttar Pradesh alongwith the name of the countries from where they have come;

(c) the countries from which they get funds; the details of amount received during the last three years; and

(d) whether Government have ascertained that the said amount is spent for the purpose for which it has been received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) As per available inputs there has been no such steep rise in the activities of Christian Missionaries in Western U.P. and its nearby hilly areas.

(b) as per available information, 45 registered foreign missionaries from 14 countries, were staying on long term basis (i.e. over 6 months at least) in U.P. as on 31-12-1998.

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